

Metropolitan Planning Organizations

Urbanized Areas over 50,000

Springfield-Sangamon Area

Transportation Study

Springfield MPO Members

- Regional Planning Commission
- City of Springfield
- Sangamon County
- Village of Chatham
- Springfield Mass Transit District
- Illinois Dept. of Transportation – District 6

Types of Transportation

- Highways
- Transit
- Rail
- Bike
- Pedestrian

Anatomy of the MPO

- Federal law authority
- Federal funding flows through Illinois Department of Transportation
- Approved funding through the Federal Highway Administration & Federal Transit Administration
- Includes funding for projects and planning activities

MPO Transportation Committees

- Technical Advisory Committee
 - Generally subject matter experts
- Policy Committee
 - Elected officials or proxies
- Ad Hoc Committees
 - Travel Demand Modeling
- Advisory Committees
 - Citizen involvement

Role of MPO Staff

- Coordinate efforts with agency members
- Create required documents:
 - Unified Work Plan (MPO annual workplan)
 - Long Range Transportation Plan (every 5 years)
 - Transportation Improvement Plan (4 yr. document)
 - Public Involvement Plan
 - Financial Plan

Springfield MPO Staff Cont.

- Downtown parking surveys
- Curb Your Car surveys
- Assist with Travel Demand Model work
- List of Federally Obligated projects
- Special studies to members as requested
- Maintain and update MPO website

Who provides funding?

- Federal Government (FHWA, FTA)
- State Government (IDOT)
- Local Governments (Match funds, Motor Fuel Tax Funds, etc.)
- Transportation Agencies (SMTD)
- Public/Private Partnerships

What kind of funding?

- Some are formula based
 - Motor Fuel Tax Funds
 - Transit subsidies
 - Population based – important to have good Census data

Funding

- Some are through Earmarks
 - Congressional
 - State Legislature
- Most federally funded projects require matching funds from state or local sources. Projects are often held up because there is not enough money to complete the project

Funding

- MPO Project Prioritization
 - MPO areas receive some federal funds for local projects
 - The member agencies must agree where to spend those limited dollars

How does a project get chosen?

- Planning
 - Vision
 - Long term horizon (20-25 years)
- Programming (1 – 5 years)
 - Prioritizing projects
 - Short term horizon

What are some steps of the process?

- Need for the project
- Identify funds for the project
- Purchase needed right of way (land)
- Utility concerns
- Preliminary engineering activities
- Letting the project (hiring a contractor)
- Construction and maintenance

Public Involvement Options

- Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (to September 26) www.dot.il.us
- MPO website
- Ask to be included on mailing/email list
- Attend public forums such as this one
- Work through member agencies or citizen groups
- Long Range Transportation Plan activities

Questions?

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